



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2009 – 16

WHEREAS, I, John Hoeven, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim that a search and rescue emergency exists within Burleigh County; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2009, the Burleigh County Sheriff's Office received notification that a 21-year-old man was reported missing and his cell phone found in the Fox Island area; and

WHEREAS, an extensive air, ground and water search and rescue operation is underway in a heavily wooded area near Fox Island west of the Bismarck Waste Water Treatment Plant to the Missouri River; and

WHEREAS, the N.D. Highway Patrol (NDHP), N.D. National Guard and the N.D. Game and Fish Department are deploying assets in support of the search and rescue mission; and

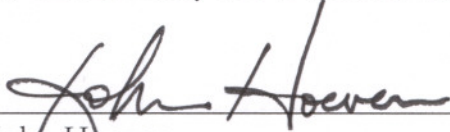
WHEREAS, appropriate measures must be taken in response to the emergency to ensure a safe return of the missing man; and

WHEREAS, I further order that all state departments and administrators maintain search and rescue response resources and capabilities at high levels of readiness to execute responsibilities pursuant to the State Emergency Operations Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, this order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

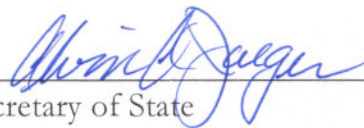
1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution; and,
2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and,
3. A coordinated and effective effort of all state departments is required to minimize the impact of disasters and emergencies in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 5 day of November, 2009.



John Hoeven
Governor

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

Deputy